[English]

Teachers Training College, Silchar

3313. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that construction work at Teachers' Training College (Govt. B.Ed. College) Silchar, distt. Cachar of Assam has yet to be taken up by the State P.W.D. Assam for which there has been a Central grant; and

(b) if so, the reasons of such inordinate delay in construction work at the afforesaid college?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Colleges in West Bengal

3314. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the grant provided to the colleges in West Bengal by the University Grants Commission under different heads during 1995-96 and 1996-97, college-wise and head-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

By-pass in Andhra Pradesh

3315. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is a proposal for construction of "major bypass road" at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of length, estimated cost and number of bridges proposed to be constructed on the bypass; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to commence the work with duration by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The construction of Nellore bypass (18 kms. length), including bridges thereon, is being taken up under Build, Operate and Transfer scheme. The proposals received from the entrepreneurs are under examination and it is too early to indicate the date for commencement of work.

[Translation]

Murhad Irrigation Project

3316. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Hamid Nagar Pun Pun Murhad irrigation project of Pun Pun river, which is pending since 1952;

(b) if so, the details and reasons for its pendency;

(c) whether one lakh twenty thousand acres of land of Nalanda, Gaya, Jehanabad, Aurangabad districts is estimated to be irrigated on the completion of this project, and lakhs of farmers will be benefited therefrom; and

(d) the time by which the above project will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) A Project Report on "Pun-Pun Morhar Dhardha Irrigation Scheme (Bihar)" first received in Central Water Commission in April, 1981 for Techno-Economic Appraisal.

(b) This project has been pending for want of compliance by the State Government on the comments of various Central Scrutinising Agencies.

(c) 1,42,964 acres of land in the erstwhile districts of Patna and Gaya in Bihar are proposed to be irrigated by this Project.

(d) Though there is prescribed time limit for clearance of Project, the clearance depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the comments of various Central Scrutinising Agencies. Completion of the project depends upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.

[English]

Sainik Samachar

3317. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the printers of Sainik Samachar submit the paper account alongwith the bills which is settled by Sainik Samachar;

(b) whether Sainik Samachar did not settle the paper account;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of paper reams required by printers to complete the issues of different languages from December 1995 to March 1996;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to get those issues completed for despatch to subscribers;